

Subject: Standing Up to Hateful Messages and Laws
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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Standing up to Hateful Laws

Councilmember Paul Koretz along with Councilmembers Mitch O'Farrell and Mike Bonin introduced a resolution instructing all City departments to refrain from conducting business with the State of North Carolina until their legislature repeals House Bill 142 which prohibits their local jurisdictions from enacting protections for the LGBTQ community.



By way of background, in April of 2016, the Los Angeles City Council adopted a Resolution, introduced by Bonin, O'Farrell and Council President Herb Wesson, enacting a city policy banning city employees from traveling to the states of North Carolina and Mississippi for non-essential city business, over their discriminatory laws against the LGBTQ communities.

Recently, North Carolina lawmakers reached a deal to repeal the state's offending bathroom bill, House Bill 2.

House Bill 2 (HB2), passed in March 2016, affected access to sex-segregated public restroom facilities for an individual based on a determination of their sex as defined in some specific way such as their sex as assigned at birth, their sex as listed on their birth certificate, or the sex that corresponds to their gender identity.

HB 142, the compromise bill, leaves members of the LGBTQ community with no state level statutory rights or protections against hate and bias in the workplace or at home, and more nefariously prohibits local governments from enacting such protections.

Our Council's Budget and Financing Committee will hear the resolution before it is considered by the City Council.

Raising the Household Cat Limit

Councilmember Koretz's proposal to raise the number of cats allowed per household from three to five is starting to move toward eventual approval. The concept was supported by the City Council a couple of years ago, but it has been incorporated into the Citywide Cat Program for purposes of being cleared under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for environmental impacts and that process must be completed before the increase can go into effect.



On April 11th, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners approved a draft project description for the Citywide Cat Program. The project description is an integral part of the

CEQA process that describes what kind of projects (in this case, activities) are being studied for their environmental impacts. In the case of the Cat Program, a full Environmental Impact Report (EIR) covering the whole city will be prepared.

In addition to raising the household cat limit, the Cat Program will include allowing the Department of Animal Services to use the Spay-Neuter Trust Fund to pay for the spay or neuter of any kinds of cats and provide information to the public on strategies for dealing with outdoor cats, among other things. Since 2010, the City of L.A. has been prohibited from doing these things until completing a CEQA clearance and submitting it to a court that imposed an injunction in that year.

The Cat Program project description is headed for the City Council's Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee (chaired by Councilmember Koretz) on April 19, and then to the full Council. After that, the City will release an official Notice of Preparation announcing that the EIR is going to be prepared and encouraging members of the public to make suggestions as to what they think it should cover. As this process gets underway in earnest, HI-5 will provide information on how you can participate.

WORKING FOR YOU

Bel Air Construction Hillside Overlay

Earlier this month, the City Council unanimously approved the Bel Air Construction Hillside Overlay policy initiated with a motion by Councilmember Koretz. For the first time, Bel Air will have custom land use regulations to address the unique nature of construction impacts in the area.

The key elements of the Overlay Zone are:



- No Saturday exterior construction;
- Limiting hours on construction trucks involving cement or earth hauling operations to 9:00 am - 3:00 pm;
- Requiring 10 cubic yard trucks for earth hauling or smaller; and,
- Requesting a planning review for homes over 17,500 square feet to ensure they are being built as a single family home.

Thank you to the Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, the Bel Air Alliance, and hillside residents for all of their help and providing Councilmember Koretz with the support needed to carry this to the finish line.

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Celebrating Parks for All

The Councilmember recently joined community members and the Department of Recreation and Parks to celebrate the grand reopening of Cheviot Hills Park on Motor Avenue. Children now have a new playground and families have a cleaner and safer area to play and to exercise.



Welcome to CD5, Toasted and Roasted

Council District 5 is home to renowned shopping, restaurants and entertainment. Councilmember Koretz was proud to be a part of the grand opening of the district's newest coffee house, Toasted and Roasted on Melrose Boulevard. Helping our local economy thrive has always been a top priority of the Councilmember. To the owners of Toasted and Roasted, here's to a successful venture.



NEWS YOU CAN USE

CD5 Street Closures

On Monday, April 24th, 2017, the 102nd Historic Armenian Genocide March for Justice will take place to remember and commemorate the countless lives lost during the Armenian Genocide in 1915. Wilshire Boulevard from San Vincente to Fairfax Avenue will be temporarily closed to thru traffic starting at 8 am and will open up after 4 pm. The March will begin at Pan Pacific Park at 12:00 pm and conclude in front of the Turkish Consulate at 6300 Wilshire Boulevard. There will be several rolling closures. Here is the route the participants will take this year:

- Southbound on The Grove Drive to 3rd Street;
- Westbound on 3rd Street to Fairfax Avenue; and,
- Southbound on Fairfax Avenue to Wilshire Boulevard.

Expect significant delays. Please plan accordingly.



Burbank Boulevard work Continues

City crews will continue to remove debris, establish flow line, and repair the concrete apron on Burbank Boulevard until May 3rd. The contractor will keep at least one traffic lane open at all times. For safety reasons, it will be necessary to close two (2) traffic lanes during construction hours from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday. The crew will be working downstream and will make traffic lanes available as they move up. Please be patient. The end goal is to ensure everyone in our communities is safe and receives the services they need and deserve.

Spring into some Family Fun

The Department of Recreation and Parks is hosting FREE Spring events for families at three parks in CD5 ♦ Cheviot Hills Recreation Center, Palms Recreation Center and Westwood Recreation Center on April 15th starting at 11 am for children ages two to 12. There will be egg hunts, contests, games and more. Check one out!



Relaxed Enforcement during Passover

In observance of Passover, the Department of Transportation, Parking Enforcement and Traffic Control Division will relax enforcement of street cleaning, time limit and preferential parking restrictions from Sunday, April 15 starting at 4 pm to Tuesday, April 18 at 11 pm. For a list of areas, call 213-972-8449.



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